



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Press Release

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### **MULTIPLE LANE CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC PACING BEGINS TODAY I-85 EXPRESS LANES IN DEKALB AND GWINNETT**

Construction of the new Express Lane System along Interstate 85 to close lanes day and night on Wednesday, June 1 and Thursday, June 2.

Daytime work requires lane closures only, but the overnight work requires lane closures and pacing of traffic. Traffic pacing can only occur in that night's work zone between 11:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

Information on lane closures and work schedules on the Interstate 85 Express Lanes project in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties is below:

The work plan requires **weeknight** lane closures northbound and southbound. Both directions of the High Occupancy Vehicle lane or inside lane will close overnight at these locations if weather permits. Lane closures will begin at 8:00 PM and continue overnight to 5:00 AM the next day. Contractors may close up to four lanes nightly if needed, but this may only occur after midnight. Traffic may be paced as needed for that night's work between 11:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

**Daytime - Wednesday & Thursday** - for work from Jimmy Carter Blvd to Pleasantdale Road requires closure of the SB HOV lane from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Over Night - Wednesday** - for work from Beaver Run Road to Indian Trail Road requires closure of SB HOV lane from 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM

**Over Night - Wednesday** - for work from Old Peachtree Road to Lawrenceville Suwanee Road requires closure of NB HOV lane 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM

**Over Night - Wednesday** - for work from Old Peachtree Road to Lawrenceville Suwanee Road requires closure of SB HOV lane and 2 adjacent left lanes 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM

**Over Night - Thursday** - for work at Indian Trail Road requires closure of SB HOV lane 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM

**Over Night - Thursday** - for work from Sugarloaf Parkway to Old Peachtree Road requires closure of NB HOV lane 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM

**Over Night – Thursday** - for work from Sugarloaf Parkway to Old Peachtree Road requires closure of SB HOV lane and 2 adjacent left lanes 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM

The existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on Interstate 85 will continue in operation allowing vehicles with 2 or more people, motorcycles and alternate fuel vehicles to use the lanes until the Express Lane System is opened. Please visit [www.georgiatolls.com](http://www.georgiatolls.com) for additional information.

The I-85 Express Lanes Project includes installation of 16 miles of fiber and signage along Interstate Highway 85 between Chamblee Tucker Road and Old Peachtree Road and along State Route 316 between I-85 and Riverside Parkway.

When completed, registered transit buses, motorcycles, alternative fueled vehicles and vehicles with three or more passengers will be allowed to use the inside (left) HOT lane for free, while single- and double-occupant vehicles will be allowed to use the lane if they choose to pay a variably priced toll.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone, web, and mobile service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online or as a hybrid solution via a free download for your smart phone. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, the mobile application download, or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).

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